

Appl. No. 19/016,008

Attorney Docket No. 81839.0108

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Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of October 7, 2003



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takehito USHIKI et al.

Serial No: 10/016,008

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER,
METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE
SAME, AND WAFER CHUCK

Art Unit: 1765

Examiner: Duy Vu n Deo

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-
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Dear Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated October 7, 2003. The notice refers to Applicants' Amendment of August 19, 2003 and states that a complete listing of all of the claims is not present therein. Specifically, claims 1-13 are not included. Claims 1-13 were canceled upon the filing of this divisional application.

In response to the Notice, Applicants are attaching hereto a corrected copy of page 2 of the Amendment of August 19, 2003, which contains the "Amendments to the Claims:" section of the Amendment. Specifically, the corrected page 2 indicates under "Listing of the Claims:" that claims 1-13 have been canceled.

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Therefore, the Amendment of August 19, 2003 as now corrected herein is in compliance with the rules. If for any reason this response is not satisfactory, the Examiner is requested to immediately telephone the undersigned at (213) 337-6846 to discuss what needs to be done to provide a satisfactory response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

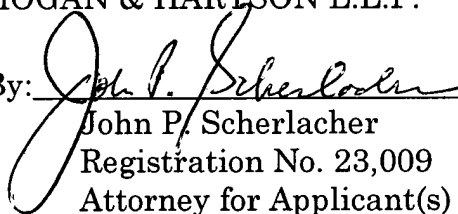
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Respectfully submitted,

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